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GERMAN REPLY CREATES GRAVE SITUATION

PRESIDENT WILSON TO ACT DELIBERATELY AND FIRMLY ON NOTE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO DECIDE FUTURE RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

NOTE THOROUGHLY UNSATISFACTORY

Negotiations Are Back to Point Created by Sinking of Lusitania —No Need for Haste.

Washington, July 10.—A grave view of the situation produced by Germany's refusal to meet the demands of the United States growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania is taken by the officials at Washington.

Upon the president rests the burden of deciding the policy the United States will follow. That he is quietly and carefully considering the situation was stated at the White House after telephone communications with the president at Cornish, New Hampshire, and the country may expect him to act with "deliberation as well as firmness" when he has examined all the phases of the problem.

Secretary Lansing witheld comment. As soon as the complete official text of the German reply arrives he will make a careful study and go to Cornish to confer with Wilson.

Three sections of the note had arrived tonight. The last two will arrive tomorrow. The president may return by Tuesday and lay before the cabinet the course he decided upon.

What action the United States will take the officials could not predict with certainty. Some familiar with the president's views and the details of the situation pointed out that there seemed only one course open with dignity and honor to the United States—the continued assertion and exercise of the rights of neutrals on the high seas in accordance with the established principles of international law. The responsibility for any rupture of friendly relations which subsequently might ensue was declared would then fall upon Germany.

It is the unanimous verdict of high officials that the German reply is thoroughly unsatisfactory. It leaves the situation exactly at the point where it was in the days immediately following the sinking of the Lusitania.

There is little tendency among officials to hurry. It is pointed out that the sinking of ships without warning has not been practiced recently by the Germans.

An analysis of the unofficial text of the note confirmed the impressions given by Ambassador Gerard during the past few days that practically none of the American demands would be heeded. The ambassador had reason to believe two weeks ago a favorable answer might be expected within a week, though he has cabled Washington repeatedly not to expect a satisfactory answer.

Just what is responsible for the change in the situation and final determination of the German government to refuse to give the assurances asks officials here wouldn't say. Many, however, didn't hesitate to comment on the apparent similar in the proposal made with the view expressed by former secretary Bryan.

There have been frequent intimations, too, through official sources here since the resignation of Bryan that high German officials believed public sentiment in the United States was divided.

The text of the note follows:

"Berlin, July 8.

"The undersigned has the honor to make the following reply to his excellency, Ambassador Gerard, to the note of the 10th ultimo re the impairment of American interests by the German submarine war.

"The imperial government learned with satisfaction from the note how earnestly the government of the United States is concerned in seeing the principles of humanity realized in the present war. Also this appeal finds ready echo in Germany and the imperial government is quite willing to permit its statements and decisions in the present case to be governed by the principles of humanity just as it has done always.

"The imperial government welcomed with gratitude what the American government in the note of May 15 itself recalled that Germany always had permitted itself to be governed by the principles of progress and humanity in dealing with the law of

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BANDITS ROB L. & N. TRAIN AND ESCAPE

DETACH ENGINE AND SENT IT AHEAD ALONE AT FULL SPEED

LOOTED BAGGAGE AND EXPRESS CARS

Officials Believe Railroad Men Familiar With Country Committed Robbery.

Montgomery, Ala., July 10.—A posse of officers and railroad detectives are today searching the country around Greenville, this state, for four bandits who early this morning held up and robbed near Greenville the Louisville and Nashville passenger from New York for New Orleans.

The bandits forced the engine crew to abandon the locomotive, then cut the mail, baggage and express cars from the coaches, ran them down the track and turned a full head of steam on the engine and sent it wild for forty miles, when it stopped out of steam.

The robbers then looted the baggage and express cars. No passengers were molested.

The amount of booty secured is unknown. The mail clerk said the bandits got a consignment of currency for Houston.

Conductor Phil McRae was found dead on the steps of the observation car.

Mobile, July 10.—Evidence tending to the belief that the four masked men who held up the Louisville and Nashville fast train south of Greenville this morning were railroad men is the principle clue government secret service men and postoffice inspectors are today working on. The leader ran the engine several miles. The airbrake became deranged, and he skillfully adjusted it, according to the engineer and fireman. The official opinion is that the bandits were familiar with the country.

Three Suspects Captured.

Montgomery, July 10.—Three suspects were arrested here today in connection with the train robbery. Federal authorities have assumed charge of the suspects, but refuse to announce any details.

BRYAN REFUSES TO AID SUFFRAGE

Tells Committee He Will Not Indorse Body Opposed to Democracy.

San Francisco, July 10.—Delegates to the National Convention of the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage today were discussing the refusal of William Jennings Bryan to aid in obtaining indorsements of their suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. A committee from the union called on Mr. Bryan and asked him to seak to the delegates favorably concerning the proposed amendment. In replying to the committee Mr. Bryan said:

"I would never speak for your organization. I would never move an inch to speak for any body of women that opposed the democratic party. The democratic party, at the expense of labor and tribulation of spirit, has taken up and solved the two paramount issues before the country—tariffs and currency reform—and any body of women opposing a party which makes such a record has not my support."

British Embargo on Jute.

London, July 10.—The exportations of jute yarns, jute piece goods and bags and sacks of jute to any port was prohibited today by an order in council.

Heretofore the exportation of jute has been prohibited to certain European countries.

GEN. GONZALES HAS OCCUPIED MEXICO CITY

ADVICES TO THIS EFFECT RECEIVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT.

BELIEVE GEN. DIAZ PLANS BIG MOVE

Department of Justice Investigating Reports of New Revolutionary Plot.

Washington, July 10.—General Pablo Gonzales has occupied Mexico City, according to information given by Carranza officials to American consular officers at Vera Cruz. No details were given but the advices are regarded as probably correct as Carranza forces earlier in the day were reported in the outside district of the city itself. Whether there was any street fighting was not stated.

Washington, July 10.—Officials of the state and justice departments conferred today over the cases of Huerta and Felix Diaz, but said there were no developments. The view of the department of justice is that the Mexican expedition accredited to Diaz is on a larger scale than generally understood and that the rendezvous is at New Orleans. It is believed ships have been arranged for.

El Paso, July 10.—With the transfer of Victoriana Huerta to Fort Bliss and the release on bail of five other Mexicans arrested with him on charges of conspiracy to violate United States neutrality, there is much speculation today over the probable final disposition of the cases. The six defendants were held to the federal grand jury at San Antonio on December 20th. Rumors are current that Pascual Orozco, who was arrested with Huerta and eluded the guards had crossed into Mexico, supposedly to launch a new revolution.

Washington, July 10.—Consul Silliman reported today from Vera Cruz that Mexico City has been completely invested by the Carranza troops and that General Gonzales has established hisheadquarters at Guadeloupe. It is also stated that Gen. Obregon reported repulsed an attack upon his army in the north.

CHICAGO STRIKE ENDED YESTERDAY

Carpenters Get Increase in Pay and Other Conditions Which They Asked.

Chicago, July 10.—The strike of 16,000 carpenters, which for two months has practically paralized building industry here, ended today, the employers and men agreeing to a compromise settlement, providing wages for 70 cents an hour, a uniform agreement preventing strikes, lockouts and closed shops. The agreement is for three years. Previous to the strike wages were 60 cents an hour.

LAURENS NEGRO GETS CLEMENCY

Governor Commutes Death Sentence of Greenwood Rogers—To Serve Life Term.

Columbia, July 10.—Acting upon the recommendation of the state board of pardons, Governor Manning today commuted the death sentence imposed upon Greenwood Rogers by the Laurens court to a life term in the penitentiary. Rogers was convicted on the charge of arson.

Says She Will Protect Thaw

Evelyn Thaw, wife of the man who is on trial in the New York courts on the question as to whether or not he is to be returned to Matteawan, flouted the court the other day when she arrived in New York from a camp in the northern part of the State. She had been subpoenaed to appear at 10:30 in the morning. She paid no attention to the court order, but disappeared, and detectives were sent to find her. They failed, however, and she was not discovered till the newspapermen found her. To them she announced that she would not testify against her husband. She said she knew her legal rights, and that she could not be compelled in law to say anything against him on the witness stand.

LIQUOR BIGGEST EXPENSE ITEM

Speaker Tells Christian Endeavor Convention Whiskey is Largest Single Item of Expense in United States.

Chicago, July 10.—Addressing the Christian Endeavor Convention today Clinton N. Howard, of Rochester, N. Y., declared America's greatest single ite mof expenditure is for liquor and that of Europe for war. He advocated the abolition of war by arbitration and of liquor by prohibition.

Howard declared moral conditions in high schools were such that they cannot be mention in mixed company. He said these conditions exist throughout the United States.

Gen. Traina Killed.

Washington, July 10.—General Martin Triana, who led the Carranzistas in the recent attack on Aguas-Calientes was killed in battle, according to a message to the Villa agency today.

PRESIDENT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Car Stopped Suddenly and Small Automobile Bumped Into Rear —No One Hurt.

Cornish, N. H., July 10.—President Wilson was in an automobile accident near Newport, New Hampshire tonight. Members of his family were with him but no one hurt. His machine stopped to avoid a frightened horse and a small automobile bumped into the White House Car from behind.

BERLIN PAPERS PRAISE REPLY

Exultant Over German Refusal to Abandon Submarine Warfare—Say Note Offers Basis for Understanding.

Berlin, July 10.—The German reply to the American note regarding submarine warfare finds unanimous praise in the morning papers here. They comment with a tone exultation over the fact that the government refuses to abandon submarine warfare.

Captain Persus, the Tageblatta naval expert says the note shows Germany will follow her present course with the greatest regard to American interests. He expresses the belief that the note offers a basis for a complete understanding.

The Taglichs Rundschau and the Kreuz Zeitung express disesatisfaction with the concessions regarding new ships under the American flag, declaring the British will be certain to imitate any special marking to disguise contraband and ships.

GRANT ARMISTICE TO BURY THE DEAD

Russians Lost Heavily From Austrian Artillery Fire Along Dniester.

Czernowitz, July 10.—Russians, because of severe losses on the Bukowina front and along the Dniester recently requested a four hour armistice to bury the dead. The request was granted.

On the Dniester the Russians suffered severely from Austro-Hungarian artillery fire and retired at many points.

GERMAN NOTE EXCEEDS WAR IN INTEREST

FEDERATION OF BIBLE CLASSES TO MEET SOON

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

2,000 DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED

Special Trains or Cars Will Bring Delegates—Reduced Rates on All Roads.

Spartanburg, July 10.—Plans are rapidly nearing completion for the entertainment of the 2,000 or more delegates expected to attend the third annual institute of the South Carolina Wesley Bible class federation, which meets in this city July 19-21. It has been announced that special excursion trains or special cars will be run from Anderson, Greenwood, Bamberg, Orangeburg and Charleston. Rev. W. C. Owen, field secretary of the Sunday schools of the two Methodist conferences, has put forth special efforts to secure representation from all of the organized Wesley classes in the state, and the gathering is expected to be one of the largest of its kind ever convened in this State. A special automobile tour of Spartanburg county will be made Sunday, visits to be paid the Sunday schools inviting them to send delegates, especially on Tuesday, when the court house lawn will be turned into a picnic ground. It is hoped that a similar plan will be followed in other counties.

The program as announced Friday night contains the names of speakers and workers of national fame in Sunday school work. Some of those who will be present are: Bishop James Atkins, chairman of the general Sunday school board, who will open the conference Tuesday evening with an address on "God's Call to the Young Life of our Time;" Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Sunday school expert of the general Sunday school board and one of the most charming speakers on the platform; Mr. John R. Pepper, the great merchant, banker and capitalist of Memphis, Tennessee, and in many respects the leading layman of Southern Methodism, a Sunday schol superintendent of international reputation; Dr. Charles D. Bulla, superintendent of the Wesley Bible class department of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and a speaker of rare force and charm; Dr. James H. Moffatt, president of Erskine College, whose reputation as a speaker is well known throughout South Carolina; Mr. J. H. Wherroll, the live, forceful field secretary of the South Georgia conference; Mr. J. M. Way, divisional field secretary, and former field secretary of the South Carolina conference; Mr. A. L. Diotrich, divisional field secretary and Mr. A. H. Cole, field secretary of the Florida conference.

In addition to these the following strong workers in South Carolina have been secured: Rev. Jno. W. Speake; Dr. R. S. Truesdale; Rev. J. R. T. Major; Rev. Jno. H. Graves; Dr. Vance W. Brabham; Mr. Charlton DuFant; Rev. C. P. Poole; Mr. R. S. Ligon; Dr. J. O. Watson; Rev. P. L. Holroyd and Rev. W. A. Messaubeau.

All the railways into the city have kindly granted low rates for the conference, the same as provided for the Spartanburg Music Festical and the Shriners' convention.

Brownsville Threatened.

Brownsville, Tex., July 10.—Two Mexican bandits were killed in a fight late yesterday with officers and a posse of citizens in Hidalgo county, west of here. Those bandits who escaped took several wounded with them. Sheriff W. T. Vann today received an anonymous letter written in Spanish warning him that 100 Mexicans would raid Brownsville.

LONDON PAPERS AGAIN ASK "WHAT WILL AMERICA DO?"

SAYS REPLY IS HYPOCRITICAL

Little News Available From War Theatres—Italians Claim Successes.

London, July 10.—The German reply to the American note, a summary of which appears in London afternoon papers, is under general discussion throughout England. Again the question is asked is: "What will America do?"

The views held here are indicated by newspaper headings which describe the reply as an amazing offer; impudent claims; hypocritical reply. The text of the German reply is ublished in Saturday papers, most of which treat it as the most important news of the day.

Outside this the public continues interested in the huge war loan. Subscriptions are still being received by mail. The chancellor of exchequer has expressed his satisfaction. The general expectation today was that the total would reach between three billion and three billion five hundred thousand dollars. Some expressed confidence that the full five billion dollars would be received and it would not be necessary to continue to sell small subscribers through the postoffice.

There is little news from southern Poland, where the Russians claim to be delivering smashing blows at the Austrians. Apparently General Mackensen, who is covering the Austrian right between the Krasnik region and the Bug river, has been unable to render any assistance or has withdrawn his forces for an attack elsewhere.

Some believe the next German stroke will be a frontal one on Warsaw despite the Teutons' failure at two previous times to break the Russian front on the Bzura and Rawka rivers. Others think they are waiting the arrival of guns to make another thrust toward the Lublin railway. Fighting elsewhere shows both sides alive to the necessity of watching for surprises.

Trench warfare continues in the west, but official statements indicate no change in the situation.

It is reported from Chiasso tonight that the Italians have won a six day battle on Corso Plateau and took several thousand Austrian prisoners.

London, July 10.—The feeling of optimism, which has been absent for sometime is manifested here now over the war, due largely to Botha's victory in German South West Africa and the Russian's stand near Lublin and along the Zlotaltpa river. It is believed that the Russian resistance is postponing the dreaded German offensive along the western front. Petrograd officially reports the blocking of German attempts to advance toward Warsaw from the north and east, and declares the Russians are the aggressors below Lublin, where the Teutons are continuing to retreat. A correspondent says the Germans are sending reinforcements to this army.

Rome reports that the Italians repulsed the Austrians in several sectors. Vienna reports all quiet along the Austro-Italian front.

German and French Struggle.

London, July 10.—The German official statement today records slight activity along the French front and claim some advances in the champagne district and the Lappetre forest.

Reports that the Germans took eighteen hundred prisoners, three cannon, twelve machine guns and eighteen mine throwers between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, since July 4.

The French report a repulse of all German attacks and claim a total of 881 prisoners taken since July 8. French airmen bombarded the military barracks at Norroy, and the railroad stations at Arnaville and Bayonville.

Additions to Submarine List.

London, July 10.—The steamer Clio, presumably Italian, and the Norwegian steamer Nordenx, were torpedoed and sunk today by a German submarine.